

November 25, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., November 25, 2014.

Members present: Mayor Robert T Wandrei; Councilman Robert D. Carson; Councilman Stacey L. Hailey; Councilman Steve C. Rush; Councilman C. G. Stanley, Jr.; Councilman W. D. Tharp; and Vice Mayor James A. Vest

Members absent: None

Staff present: Town Manager Charles P. Kolakowski; Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher

Mayor Wandrei opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Wandrei declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on October 28, 2014, were approved as distributed.

Town Manager Kolakowski reported on the following:

- Saturday, November 29 is a very important day in Bedford and in towns across the country – Small Business Shopping Day – a day when people are encouraged to go out and support local businesses
- There are two items for closed session.

Vice Mayor Vest, Chairman of the Finance Committee, said the committee met earlier in the evening and reviewed the financial report for October. The Vice Mayor stated it appears that there will probably be an increase in the electric rates in early 2015.

Mayor Wandrei added the closed session to the agenda.

The Town Manager reported that the term of Mr. John Owen on the Industrial Development Authority will expire on November 30, 2014. Mr. Owen has expressed a willingness to serve another term on the Authority, if reappointed by Council. The vacancy has been advertised in the local newspaper, and no other citizens have volunteered to serve. Council was requested to reappoint Mr. John Owen to serve a four-year term on the Industrial Development Authority, said term to expire November 30, 2018.

On motion by Vice Mayor Vest, seconded by Councilman Stanley, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council reappointed Mr. John Owen to serve a four-year term on the Industrial Development Authority, said term to expire November 30, 2018. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye

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Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Mr. Elmer Hodge, Chairman of the Bedford Regional Water Authority Board (BRWA), Mr. Brian Key, Executive Director, BRWA, and Ms. Cynthia Gunnoe, BRWA Board member, brought Council up to date on the projects and activities of the Authority. During the presentation, members of Council discussed various items with the representatives of the Authority.

Mr. Key spoke about the following:

- Smith Mountain Lake Water Treatment Plant Project – on track with completing that project ahead of the schedule, which is December 2016.
- Still working with the City of Lynchburg trying to negotiate a revision to the contract – BRWA’s goal is to provide three sources that can serve any of the large service areas that the Authority has. Another goal of the BRWA is to provide reliable service at a price that is affordable.

Ms. Gunnoe spoke about the following:

- There have been some bumps in the road during the transition as far as policies and procedures. The Authority has been working with customers to address some of those issues. Other items being addressed in the Town: fire suppression lines not going through a meter; sewer backups and preventative maintenance; terminations, pulled water meters, and hookup fees.

Mr. Hodge spoke about the following:

- Stabilization between the Town rates and County rates will take time - the Authority will be looking at ways to encourage economic development during the next several months. The Authority’s number one objective is to build the strongest and most reliable system that it can. The connection with Lynchburg to purchase surplus water is important.

Mayor Wandrei thanked the BRWA representatives for their presentation.

City Manager Kolakowski said that since the second Town Council meeting in December falls during the Christmas Holiday Season, Council was requested to adopt a Resolution canceling the second Council meeting in December, which is December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On motion by Councilman Rush, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adopted a resolution canceling the second Council meeting in December (December 23<sup>rd</sup>). Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye

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Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

The resolution follows as adopted:

## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 11 of the Charter of the Town of Bedford requires that Council shall "fix the time and place of its meeting," and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Code requires in Section 2-27 that meetings shall be on "the second and fourth Tuesday of each month," and

**WHEREAS**, the second regular Council meeting in December is scheduled for December 23, 2014, which falls during the Christmas Holiday Season;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council meeting scheduled for December 23, 2014, be and the same hereby is canceled.

Councilman Stanley moved that Council adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(1) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, to discuss personnel matters and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(a)(29) of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for discussion of the award of a public contract and the terms or scope of the contract where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and carried by the following roll call vote:

Councilman Rush	aye
Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Council adjourned into closed session at 7:55 p.m. The following non-council members attended: Town Manager Kolakowski, Town Attorney W. W. Berry, IV, Assistant Town Manager, Barrett Warner; Finance Director Sonya Jammes; D. W. Lawhorne, Superintendent of Public Services, Beckham Stanley and Tim Black, future Council members.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:25 p.m.

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The Clerk of Council read aloud the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Town of Bedford hereby certifies that (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by seconded by Councilman Rush, seconded by Councilman Hailey, voted upon and carried by a roll call vote, Council adopted the resolution. Roll call vote follows:

Councilman Stanley	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Vest	aye
Councilman Carson	aye
Councilman Hailey	aye
Councilman Rush	aye
Mayor Wandrei	aye

Mayor Wandrei adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on December 3, 2014, in the Council Hall for a Council work session.